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NEW YORK, NOV. 20 (UPI)--TWO CUBAN EXILES WHO HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATING FOR THE RELEASE OF 1,113 INVASION PRISONERS ARRIVED HERE FROM HAVANA YESTERDAY AND SAID THEY WERE "OPTIMISTIC" THE CAPTIVES WILL EVENTUALLY BE FREED BY THE FIDEL CASTRO REGIME.

THEY PLANNED A (10:30 A.M. EST) NEWS CONFERENCE TODAY ON PROGRESS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

ALVARO SANCHEZ JR. AND MRS. BERTA BARRETO MET WITH ATTORNEY JAMES B. DONOVAN, CHIEF AMERICAN NEGOTIATOR, BUT DECLINED TO DISCUSS THE CONTENTS OF THEIR REPORT.

SANCHEZ IS CHAIRMAN OF THE CUBAN FAMILIES COMMITTEE FOR LIBERATION OF PRISONERS OF WAR AND MRS. BARRETO IS THE GROUP'S COORDINATOR IN HAVANA.

SANCHEZ SAID NO TARGET DATE FOR RELEASE OF THE PRISONERS TAKEN IN THE APRIL 17, 1961 INVASION HAS BEEN SET, HE SAID. HOWEVER, HE WAS "OPTIMISTIC" THE PRISONERS WOULD BE FREED.

"THERE HAS NEVER BEEN ANY DOUBT IN MY MIND ABOUT SECURING THE RELEASE OF THESE PRISONERS," HE TOLD NEWSMEN. "THESE MEN MUST BE FREED AND THEY WILL BE FREED."

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DONOVAN, WHO MET THE TWO AT THE AIRPORT, DECLARED: "IF NO OTHER PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CUBA EXISTED, THIS THING COULD HAVE BEEN SETTLED QUITE A WHILE AGO."

THE EXILE COMMITTEE HAS MAINTAINED CONTACT WITH CASTRO, HE SAID, AND "IT'S SIMPLY A QUESTION OF BEING ABLE TO CARRY OUT OUR OBJECTIVES WITH DUE REGARD FOR OTHER INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS."

THE NEW YORK ATTORNEY SAID HE HAS A LIST OF DRUGS, MEDICINE AND OTHER SUPPLIES WHICH CASTRO HAS DEMANDED FOR RELEASE OF THE INVADERS. HE SAID "SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS" OF THE COMMODITIES WOULD BE DONATED BY AMERICAN FIRMS.

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